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AND APPARATUS THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

~~Page 1, before the first line of the specification,~~  
please insert the sentence:

--This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/666,883, filed September 20, 2000, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/522,465, filed on March 9, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,218,126), which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/329,318, filed June 10, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,093,370). This application is related to U.S. Serial No. 09/790,872, filed on February 23, 2001.

~~Pages 16 and 17, the paragraph bridging these pages from page 16, line 22 to page 17, line 19, replace the paragraph with:~~